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6.	Maharashtra	(a) Ajanta Caves	10 seater
		(b) Ellora Caves	10 seater
		(c) Daulatabad Fort	10 seater
		(d) Elephanta Caves	06 seater
		(e) Kanheri Caves	04 seater
7.	Orissa	(a) Raja Rani Complex, Konarak	10 seater
8.	Punjab	(a) Dakhni Sarai	04 seater
		(b) Sanghol	04 seater
9.	Rajasthan	(a) Ranthambore Fort	
10.	Tamil Nadu	(a) Near Pancharatha, Mahabalipuram	06 seater
		(b) Gingee Fort, Gingee	04 seater
		(c) Brihadeshwara Temple, Thanjavur	06 seater
11.	Uttar Pradesh	(a) Taj Mahal, Agra	08 seater
		(b) Fatehpur Sikri	08 seater
		(c) Ba"ra Imambara, Lucknow	
12.	West Bengal	(a) Bishnupur Ras Mancha, Jor Bangla Temple	06 seater
		(b) Hazarduari Palace, Murshidabad	06 seater
		(c) Raja Palace, Cooch Behar	06 seater
		(d) Malda-Gour Pandua	06 seater

#### Establishment of Kathak Centres By Shri Birju Maharaj

† 4401. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kathak Maestro Shri Birju Maharaj wishes to set up centres for Kathak in Delhi and Lucknow;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that neither the Central Government have provided any land to him so far, nor the State Government have taken initiative to provide assistance; and

(c) whether Government would take a positive view towards the initiative and provide assistance to set up such centres as well as ask the State Government also to extend assistance for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) No proposal is under the consideration of the Department of Culture. However, the Department of Culture has extended an assistance of Rs. 2,04,000/-to an NGO namely Kalashram during the year 2000-01. Shri Birju Maharaj happens to be the President of this organization.

#### **Promotion of Tourism and Cultural Activities In Chhattisgarh**

4402. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not so far initiated any scheme for the promotion of tourism and cultural activities in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount earmarked by the Central Government for promotion of tourism in tribal areas of Chhattisgarh during the next three years, area-wise, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development and promotion of tourism and cultural activities is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides central financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised annually in consultation with them. For the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 115.29 lakhs has been sanctioned which includes Dussehra Festival at Jagdalpur.

(b) Does not arise.